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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR KOKO SOEDJATMOKO

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1. FORMER AMBASSADOR SOEDJATMOKO HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN CLEARANCE TO LEAVE INDONESIA AND PLANS VISIT TO US IN SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER. HE PLANS ATTEND FORD FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING IN NEW YORK THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. HE IS ADVISING MCGEORGE BUNDY BY LETTER.

2. AFTER DECISION MADE OF LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON SOEDJATMOKO, ACTUAL DEPARTURE WAS MADE CONTINGENT ON FINAL TALK WITH GENERAL YOGA, CHIEF OF BAKIN. SOEDJATMOKO HAD MEETING WITH YOGA LAST WEEK IN WHICH YOGA AGREED TO SEPTEMBER TRIP BUT ASKED THAT SOEDJATMOKO CHECK WITH HIM ON EACH SUBSEQUENT DEPARTURE. WHEN ASKED WHY THIS WAS NECESSARY, YOGA SAID INVESTIGATION STILL CONTINUING OF MOTIVE FOR FALSE REPORT ON SOEDJATMOKO AND BAKIN DESIRES KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

3. RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS ON SOEDJATMOKO, DESPITE QUALIFICATIONS OF GENERAL YOGA, REPRESENTS FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF CONTROLS IMPOSED IN WAKE OF JANUARY 1974 EVENTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN INFORMING OTHERS OF SOEDJATMOKO'S TRAVEL BUT COULD APPROPRIATELY CONFIRM LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS
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IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES.

4. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT WIDJOJO, WHO HAS BEEN
WORKING QUIETLY ON SOEDJATMOKO'S BEHALF, SUGGESTED
THAT I SHOULD MENTION TO MINISTER SUDHARMONO THAT THIS
MOVE LIKELY TO BE WELL RECEIVED IN UNITED STATES. I
TOOK OCCASION DURING BREIF MEETING WITH SUDHARMONO LAST
WEEK TO EXPRESS THIS THOUGHT AND MY PERSONAL FEELING
THAT THIS WAS WISE ACTION ON INDONESIA'S PART.
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